

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 554

By Lollar

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Raymond Douglas Shane Wilcher on graduating from United States Marine Corps Boot Camp.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize those selfless patriots who, in the course of their professional military careers, achieve significant milestones as they serve their country; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Raymond Douglas Shane Wilcher, United States Marine Corps, who graduated on April 25, 2009, from Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, having cleared this initial hurdle, Mr. Wilcher proceeded to Camp Lejune, North Carolina, for combat practice, which he will complete on June 3; he will then move on to Twentynine Palms, California, for his Military Occupational Specialty training; and

WHEREAS, born May 25, 1989, at Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro, Mr. Wilcher is the son of Raymond Douglas Wilcher and Susan Qualls, and a 2007 graduate of Warren County High School; and

WHEREAS, the United States was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure the individual and collective freedom of their fellow Americans, and this State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, through his membership in the Marine Corps, Raymond Wilcher continues a time-honored Tennessee tradition of military service, and for the success he has thus far enjoyed as he treads this noble path, Mr. Wilcher should be duly recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Raymond Douglas Shane Wilcher on graduating from United States Marine Corps Boot Camp, thank him for his selfless service to the people of this State and the nation of which it is a part, and wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.